



## The VALOR Program

The VALOR (**V**eterans **A**ffairs **L**earning **O**pportunities **R**esidency) Program is an honors program for select nursing students who have completed the junior year of a baccalaureate nursing program. VALOR provides a structured clinical experience with a BSN-prepared preceptor and educational course work in a classroom setting.

The program starts with a ten-week (full-time) concentrated experience during the summer and an optional part-time experience during the senior year.

### Program Goals

- Learn the role of the professional nurse within a healthcare system using evidence-based practice for best patient outcomes
- Understand the culture and special needs of the Veteran population
- Develop confidence, critical thinking, and proficiency of nursing skills

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## VA LEARNING OPPORTUNITY RESIDENCY (VALOR) PROGRAM

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## VETERANS AFFAIRS LEARNING OPORTUNITY RESIDENCY (VALOR)

The VALOR **nurse externship** provides hands-on opportunities for outstanding nursing students to develop competencies in the clinical setting with an experienced BSN-prepared preceptor. VALOR Externs shadow their preceptor to learn the role of the professional nurse, while performing skills learned in nursing school. Planned didactic days offer additional learning experiences.

### VALOR Program Eligibility Eligible students will:

- Be currently enrolled in an accredited BSN program
- Have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, with no grade lower than a B in any nursing course
- Have completed the final semester/quarter of junior year prior to the program start date.
- Have had at least one clinical experience in a medical center or hospital.
- Be a U.S. Citizen.
- Provide documentation of immunization status and current Health Care Provider BLS training
- Submit all application materials by the deadline
- Not have a service obligation to any Federal, state, or private institution or be a recipient of any Federal scholarship that incurs a service obligation
- Be able to work full-time during the summer months and part-time during the academic year.

## BENEFITS



- VALOR students are paid as hourly, intermittent employees.
- VALOR students are not eligible for overtime pay, holiday pay, or shift differentials. The rate of pay changes each year.
- VALOR students may express a preference for a unit, but they will be placed according to preceptor availability and unit needs. VALOR students may rotate to other units for observational experiences.
- Students in an accelerated BSN program can apply for the VALOR program if available to work full time from June – August of the program start year.

## MISSION

TO FULFILL PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S PROMISE: "TO CARE FOR HIM WHO SHALL HAVE BORNE THE BATTLE, AND FOR HIS WIDOW, AND HIS ORPHAN" BY SERVING AND HONORING THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE AMERICA'S VETERANS.



### Application Package

- Cover Letter
- Unofficial transcript from all colleges attended
- Resume/portfolio
- Three letters of recommendation (one from a Junior Clinical Instructor).
- Send completed packet to the Nurse Recruiter